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For: INHALABLE FORMULATION OF A SOLUTION CONTAINING A TIOTROPIUM SALT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Applicants hereby authorize that the fee due for the new claims presented in this Preliminary Amendment be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. Such fee is paid by the enclosed Fee Transmittal Form (Form PTO/SB/17). If it is determined, however, that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment, authorization is hereby given to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 53 to 95 as follows:

--53. (New) A pharmaceutical preparation consisting essentially of:

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- (a) a tiotropium salt, in a concentration based on tiotropium of between 0.0005 and 5% by weight;
 - (b) a solvent selected from water or a water/ethanol mixture;
 - (c) acid for achieving a pH between 2.0 and 4.5; and
 - (d) a pharmacologically acceptable preservative,

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